

and VARUNA, *Amir*; SWAR,* **Earth,**
Heaven, the
 MARUTS, the clouds, the waters, VISHNU,
 PUSHAN,
 BRAHMANASPATI, and SAVITRI.

4. Or may VISHNU grant us felicity,
 or the innox-
 ious wind, or *Soma* the bestower of
 riches; or may
 the RIBHUS, the, ASWINS, TWASHTRI,
 or VIBHWAN be
 favourably disposed to our
 enrichment.

5. Or may the adorable, heaven-
 abiding company
 of the MARUTS, come to us to take
 their seats on the
 sacred grass; or may BRiirASpATj,
 PUSHANT, VARUNA,
 MITRA, ARYAMAN, bestow upon us
 domestic happiness..

6. Or may the glorious
 mountains, the beneficent
 rivers, be to us for our
 preservation: may BHAGA, the
 apportioner of wealth, come with
 abundance and pro-
 tection : may this wide-
 pervading ADITI hear my
 invocation.

7. May the wives of the gods,
 desiring (our homage),
 defend us: may they so protect us
 that (we may ob-
 tain) vigorous (offspring) and
 abundant food: whether
 terrestrial, or those in charge of
 the waters (in the
 firmament), do you, goddesses,
 earnestly invoked,
 bestow upon us felicity.

8. Or may the goddesses, the
 wives of the gods,
 accept (the offering): iNDRjLirf,
 AGNAY^, the radiant
 ASWINI, RoDAsf,² VARUN^N!, may
 each hear (our
 prayer) : may the goddesses partake
 (of the oblation) :³

¹ *Srvar* is a name of *A.ditya*, according to both
 commentators,
 this and the preceding stanza occurring also in
 the *Yajusk*, 33,
 48,49.

² According to *Yaskcu*, she is the wife of
Rtidra: we have
 had her before as the bride of the *Maruts*, vol. II.

p. 135, v. 5.

³ *Vyantu devih*, may the goddesses eat,
NinJtta, xii. 46.-